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# H. R. 863

To amend the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the El Paso, Texas, water reclamation, reuse, and desalinization project, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 16, 2005

Mr. REYES introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. EL PASO, TEXAS, WATER RECLAMATION,**  
4               **REUSE, AND DESALINIZATION PROJECT.**

5       (a) **AUTHORIZATION.**—The Reclamation Wastewater  
6       and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act (Public Law

1 102–575, title XVI; 43 U.S.C. 390h et seq.) is amended  
 2 by adding at the end the following new section:

3 **“SEC. 16xx. EL PASO, TEXAS, WATER RECLAMATION, REUSE,**  
 4 **AND DESALINIZATION PROJECT.**

5 “(a) AUTHORIZATION.—The Secretary, in coopera-  
 6 tion with the State and local authorities, is authorized to  
 7 participate in the design, planning, and construction of the  
 8 El Paso Water Reclamation, Reuse, and Desalinization  
 9 project to reclaim and reuse wastewater and to treat and  
 10 reuse impaired and brackish groundwater in the service  
 11 area of the El Paso Water Utilities Public Service Board,  
 12 El Paso, Texas.

13 “(b) COST SHARE.—The Federal share of the cost  
 14 of the project authorized by this section shall not exceed  
 15 50 percent of the total cost of the project.

16 “(c) LIMITATION.—The Secretary shall not provide  
 17 funds for the operation and maintenance of the project  
 18 authorized by this section.”.

19 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections  
 20 in section 2 of such Act is amended by inserting after the  
 21 item relating to section 16xx the following:

“Sec. 16xx. El Paso, Texas, water reclamation, reuse, and desalinization  
 project.”.

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